

the contract, and the father may make his election, either to pay the widow of the deceased master such valuation, or the widow shall have power to make the assignment without his consent, of the residue of the indenture, with the approbation of the orphans court.

SEC. 16. *And*, whereas it often happens, that immediately after the decease of the master of any apprentice, the apprentice leaves his home and employment without any license or authority, not only to his own injury, but also to the detriment of society, *Be it enacted*, That every apprentice, whose master shall die and leave a widow, shall continue at his home and business, as well after as before the death of his master, and shall be subject to the control and directions of the widow, until order be taken therein by the county or criminal court, or justice aforesaid; and the said county or criminal court, or justice, as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to continue any apprentice so long as they or he shall be satisfied that the widow hath it in her power to, and doth, fulfil, the contract made with her husband; and the harbourer or harbourers of any apprentice or apprentices before they are discharged as aforesaid, shall be considered, and shall suffer the same penalties, as the harbourer or harbourers of servants are liable to under the laws of this state.

Apprentice shall continue at his home, &c.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That either the master or apprentice, upon a petition being filed, may apply to the court for the benefit of a trial by jury, and that the court shall thereupon charge, as the law directs, the attending jury, to determine each and all of the allegations contained in the said petition, which may be controverted, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Master, &c. may apply to the court, &c.

CHAPTER 47.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, * entitled, An act to regulate the Inspection of Tobacco, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine. * 1789, ch. 26.

Repealed by 1801, ch. 63, sec. 57.

CHAPTER 56.

AN ACT to appoint a Health Officer for the port of Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

This power is transferred to, and now exercised by, the corporation of the city of Baltimore.

CHAPTER 57.

AN ACT respecting the punishment of Criminals.

Classed under 'Public Local Law,' and distributed to the title, 'City of Baltimore.'